

Goose Creek Primary

200 Foster Creek

Goose Creek, SC 29445



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	PK-2 Primary	Principal:	Kathy Sullivan
Enrollment:	1125 students	Superintendent:	Mr. Michael Turner
School Phone:	843-820-8008	Board Chair:	Mr. James Hayes
School Website:	http://www.bcsdschools.net/gcp		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

The 2014-15 school year was filled with numerous learning opportunities for both students and staff. Focusing our efforts on improving student learning our teachers met twice each week for collaboration, planning and data reflection in their Professional Learning Teams to address the needs of some of our first grade emergent readers we added three full-time Reading Interventionists. A new small-group math intervention program proved very beneficial to second grade students. Kindergarten students who needed additional support with phonemic awareness were given one to one support with the addition of a part-time reading interventionist. This year we also celebrated two more teachers who earned National Board Certification, bringing our total to nine. Opportunities expanded for technology-based interactive learning as we launched the Berkeley County School District One to One Computing Initiative. Participating classrooms were provided with class sets of i-pads. This effort will double in 2015-16 as we increase the opportunities for our students to learn and our teachers to inspire our learners with the latest technology including Smartboards™, document cameras, digital cameras, Kindles™, i-pads, Chromebooks™ and classroom computers. In January we were fortunate to gain the assistance of a full-time mental health counselor that strengthened our collaboration with Berkeley County Mental Health and provided families with on-site counseling and referral services. Our two guidance counselors worked together to promote our Character Education program as we awarded 495 Outstanding Character medals to students who demonstrated behavior consistent with the monthly character traits. Parents supported our students at both Character Award ceremonies and the semester academic awards programs as well as several interactive and enriching family events. Our Title I program sponsored monthly School Improvement Council Meetings, Family Literacy Night, Family Math and Science Night and training for school volunteers. For the second year in a row we participated and were recognized as one of the top-rated schools in the Boeing/MUSC Wellness Program. This provided financial support for improving fitness and wellness for the GCP family. We want to thank our community and families for their on-going support and look forward to another year of learning and growing.

Kathy Sullivan, Principal

Jennifer Tobias, PTO/SIC chair

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,125)			
Percent of students eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch and/or Medicaid-eligible (poverty index)	75.4	Down from 87.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.7	Down from 95.7%	95.0
With disabilities	11.2	Down from 11.3%	11.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.0
Percentage of students retained	2.0	No change	2.6
Teachers (n = 75)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	54.7	Up from 48.6%	51.6
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	58.7	Up from 54.3%	83.3
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3	Up from 87.8%	89.3
Teacher attendance rate	89.6	Down from 93.7%	95.3
Average teacher salary*	\$45,834	Up 2.4%	\$48,311
Professional development days devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills needed to work with children less than 8 years old/teacher	15.1 days	Up from 13.8 days	14.7 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4
School			
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	21.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	82.9	Down from 88.4%	88.5
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 98.7%	100.0
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	13.0	N/A	15.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	32.3	N/A	24.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.6	N/C	0.9
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	2.0
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5	Down from 4.9%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,095	Up 1.0%	\$6,545
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.5	Up from 71.3%	67.9

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers****Evaluations by Teachers**

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	55
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.3
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.7
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.4

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Good	At-Risk
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Types of Accreditation (More than one may apply)

	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	SC Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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